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AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-19 (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) A strap system for restraining freight, comprising:

a. a strap with a first layer comprising a first end and a second end, wherein the strap is capable of being secured around freight to create an intersection between the first end of the strap and the second end of the strap, and wherein the strap is capable of being placed under tension; and

b. a separate patch comprising a third end and a fourth end, wherein the third end is pre-attached to the strap at a contact section near the first end prior to installation around the freight, and wherein the separate patch is capable of joining the first end of the strap to the second end of the strap.

21. (Previously Amended) The strap system of claim 20, wherein the first layer is a nonwoven fabric.

22. (Previously Amended) The strap system of claim 21, wherein the nonwoven fabric is a spunbonded, polyester, nonwoven fabric.

23. (Currently Amended) The strap system of claim 20, wherein the strap further comprising comprises a second layer comprising a plurality of strands of yarn forming a strap for restraining freight, wherein the yarn has an elongation

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characteristic ranging from about 2.5 percent to about 4.7 percent before breaking and a creep of less than about 2 percent after elongation.

24. (Currently Amended) The strap system of claim 23, wherein the strap further comprising comprises a third layer defining a releasable adhesive located on at least a portion of an outer surface of the strap for attachment to a surface of a transportation device.

25. (Previously Amended) The strap system of claim 20, further comprising an adhesive layer located on at least a portion of the patch for attachment to the second end of the strap.

26. (Previously Amended) The strap system of claim 25, wherein the adhesive is non-releasable.

27. (Previously Amended) The strap system of claim 20, wherein the patch is attached to the strap using an adhesive, stitching or thermal bonding.

28. (Currently Amended) The strap system of claim 20, wherein the patch is a continuous portion of the first layer, wherein the patch and is formed during the process of manufacturing the first layer.

29. (Previously Amended) The strap system of claim 20, further comprising at least one reinforcement strap coupled to the strap and positioned generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of the strap.

30-40 (Cancelled).